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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--There is further provided in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention, a modular switch, including a plurality of communication cards, a plurality of backplane sub-buses which are used for communication between groups of the cards, and at least one controller which is configurable to divide the cards into different numbers of groups, such that the cards of the different groups do not transmit data to each other.--